

BDCP Steering Committee Meeting

Friday, July 28, 2006 9:00 to 12:00

Draft Meeting Notes

1. Introductions

- See attached list for meeting attendees.

2. Updates

- The Steering Committee discussed the same version of Planning Agreement that was reviewed at the July 14 Steering Committee meeting. Comments from the July 14 and July 28 meetings will be incorporated into a new draft for distribution before the August 11 Steering Committee meeting.
- The Steering Committee is aiming to have the Planning Agreement finalized by mid-August, in time for members to take the agreement to their boards for approval by the end of August or early September. However, because of the NCCPA requirement of a 21-day public review/comment period on the Planning Agreement, DFG recommended that the Water Agencies wait until after the comment period end to take to Board for approval.

3. Planning Agreement – Discussion

- There was extensive discussion of the goal of the Planning Agreement. While the current draft of the Planning Agreement does not specifically commit to an NCCP, there seemed to be general agreement that the goal of the BDCP process is to prepare a document that can legally and procedurally stand as an NCCP if so desired. There is an “off ramp” from this approach if necessary.
- The Steering Committee discussed the text of the draft Planning Agreement.
- There was some uncertainty about how the Planning Agreement should address interim projects, and it was suggested that a training session be scheduled before the August 11 Steering Committee meeting.
- It was noted that the relationship between the Planning Agreement and CALFED is not clear.
- There was a discussion about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ involvement in the BDCP and whether levees should be included in the plan.
- It was noted that Resources received a letter from the Northern California Water Association regarding the geographic scope of the BDCP.
- The committee covered the Planning Agreement through Section 7. The remainder of the document will be discussed at the next Steering Committee meeting on August 11.

4. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please note the extended meeting time! Topics will include discussing the remainder of the Planning Agreement (Section 8 until the end).

Handouts

- Draft Planning Agreement, dated 07.11.06

Action Items

- Set up an educational presentation about interim projects prior to the August 11 Steering Committee meeting.
- Fish Agencies: Discuss sections 7.5, 7.6, 7.6.1, and 7.6.3 prior to August 11 Steering Committee meeting.
- John McCamman and Steve Thompson to draft and circulate language to address fish agency concerns, prior to the next Steering Committee. concerns
- All: Check the facts in Section 5 (possibly to be removed to an appendix) for your particular agency and bring any revisions to the next meeting.
- Incorporate revisions from pages 1 –20 and bring a new draft to the next meeting.